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IN THE APPLICATION OF:

EDGAR N. RUDISILL

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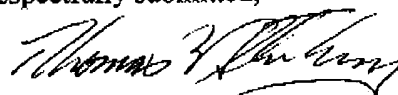
FOR: NONWOVEN FIBROUS SHEET STRUCTURES

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Enclosed is a copy of a Petition for Expedited Issuance and Notification Under MPEP 2001.06(c) filed on January 22, 2004 with subject application which has apparently not been acted upon according to a telephone interview with the Examiner. Applicants request early action on the petition.

Respectfully submitted,

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**PETITION FOR EXPEDITED ISSUANCE AND
NOTIFICATION UNDER MPEP 2001.06(c)**Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

The Applicants hereby petition under 37 C.F.R. §1.102 for expedited issuance of the above-referenced patent application.

Expedited issuance is requested in view of the pending litigation in E. I. du Pont de Nemours and Company v. Cardinal Healthcare Inc., et al., Civil Action No. 3-03-0848 in the United States District Court for the Middle District of Tennessee (Nashville Division-Judge Campbell). This application is a continuation of U.S. patent application 10/703,795 filed November 7, 2003 now pending, which is a continuation of U.S. patent application 09/467,268, filed December 20, 1999 abandoned December 10, 2003; which is a continuation-in-part of U.S. patent application 09/273,578, filed March 22, 1999 abandoned May 31, 2000; which is a continuation-in-part of U.S. patent application 08/968,529, filed June 4, 1997, now U.S. patent no. 5,885,909 asserted in that litigation.

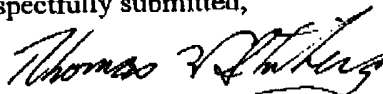
DuPont believes that Cardinal also infringes certain claims of the present application. DuPont will advise the court that it will seek to amend the complaint in that litigation to add the above application as soon as it is issued as a patent.

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Grant of this petition is therefor expeditiously requested. Please charge the \$130.00 fee required by 37 C.F.R. §1.17(i) required by this Petition to DuPont Deposit Account 04-1928. If this amount is insufficient, you are hereby authorized to charge any surplus or credit any overpayment to the same Deposit Account.

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